

## 2012 Jamboree on the Air

[Maine Maritime Museum](#)

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BATH, ME - On October 20th, the WSSM team set up a JOTA station during the Boy Scouts Camporee weekend at the Maine Maritime Museum. Operating on battery power, they used a dipole antenna for 40 meters and a BuddiPole rotatable dipole for 15 and 20 meters. The transceiver used was a Yaesu FT-857D, operating from inside the museum, overlooking the Kennebec River and the historic Percy and Small Shipyard.

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## Exam Session in Gorham

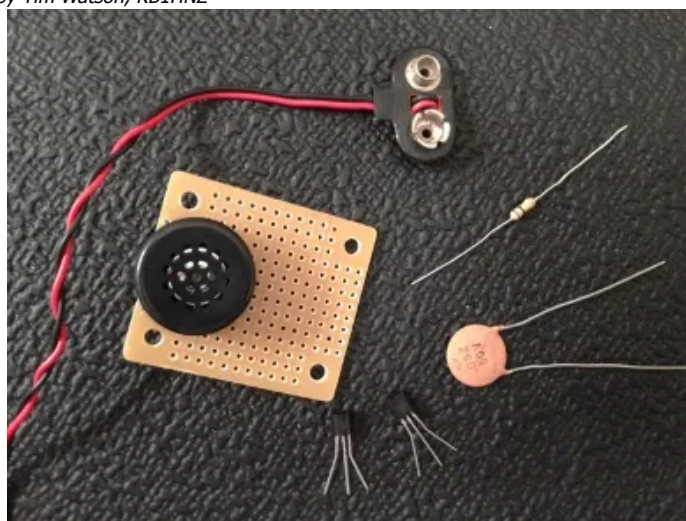
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## Project: Building Morse Code Practice Oscillators

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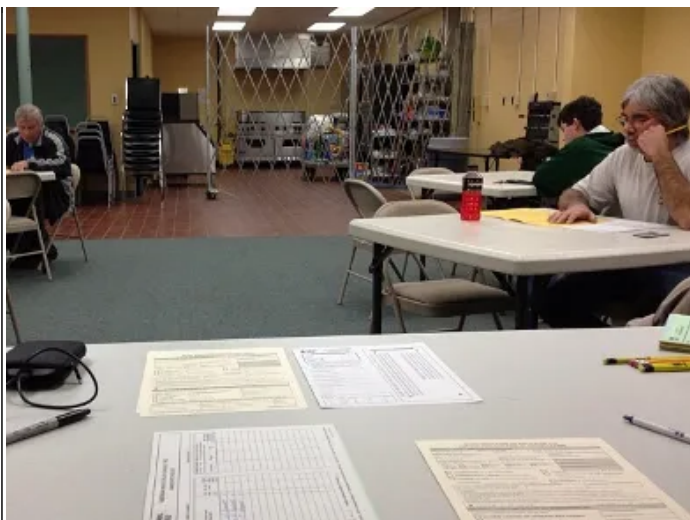


At November's club meeting, Roger Pience N1XP, supplied kits of his own design and helped members build miniature code practice oscillators. The kits are relatively easy to build and only require a battery connector, 100k resistor, .50uF capacitor, a couple of transistors, and a small solderable bread board. It's also recommended that you include a couple of leads or posts to attach a straight key.

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## SSTV on a Smartphone

[SSTVPad by Black Cat Systems](#)



On November 16th, the WSSM VE team held its first exam session of the year at the Gorham Recreation Department. Prospective hams stopped by, pencils in hand, ready to tackle the 35-question Technician Class Exam, with hopes of earning their first amateur radio licenses.

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## QSL Corner



Here's an interesting QSL card from a club located on the campus of the ESPN Sports Network, in Bristol, CT. Members include employees and retirees of ESPN. (Contact made by KB1HNZ on 40 meters SSB).

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Until recently, decoding and displaying Slow Scan Television images required a sound card-equipped pc or laptop, but with the new SSTV app (by Black Cat Systems) for your iPhone or iPad, displaying SSTV images can be as easy as holding your phone near a receiver. I decided to give the app a try on both HF SSB and 2 meters FM, and the results were impressive.

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## Morse Telegraph Club Members Play a Key Role in Speilberg's "Lincoln"

Culpeper, Virginia

Members of the Morse Telegraph Club, an association of retired railroad and commercial telegraphers, historians, radio amateurs and others with an interest in the history and traditions of telegraphy and the telegraph industry played an important role in the production of "Lincoln."

According to James Wades WB8SIW, International President of the Morse Telegraph Club, several members provided period telegraph instruments for use in the construction of the War Department Set.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**December 13th** - from 7PM-9PM at the Gorham Recreation Department

**January 10th** - from 7PM-9PM at the Gorham Recreation Department

## Classified Ads

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## welcome New Members

The Wireless Society of Southern Maine would like to welcome new members: Dakota Dumont KB1YYC, Robert Burns W1LBV, Joe McGee NX4T, and Danny Hooper KB1YYB.





## From the Editor's Desk

At a recent informal meeting, one of our members asked whether Summits on the Air stations preferred to operate on specific frequencies on the HF bands, and whether or not there were any "tricks to finding them." Although I've worked several SOTA stations on HF, I wasn't quite sure of the answer, so I began to do some research to find out.

One of the best resources for learning about upcoming and current SOTA expeditions is a website called *SOTA Watch*. This can be found directly, or via the SOTA main site at <http://www.sota.org.uk>. *SOTA Watch* provides some pretty useful information, including the [Latest Spots](#), [Upcoming Activations](#), and access to the [Summits Database](#), which has a listing of every qualifying mountain or hilltop in the world.

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### Upcoming Activations

**Saturday 1st December 2012**

17:45	VA2IEI on <a href="#">VE2/QC-122</a>	7.142-ssb, 14.342-ssb, 146.52-fm
	DENIS IS DOING SOTA OF LAST WEEK END (Posted by VA2TY)	
18:00	WG0AT on <a href="#">W0/FR-004</a>	14.062-cw, 146.52-fm
	details will follow (Posted by WG0AT)	
18:15	K7ATN on <a href="#">W7W/LC-139</a>	14.062-cw, 10.111-cw, 18.092-cw, 146.52-fm
	May cancel for poor weather. Follow K7ATN-7 (Posted by K7ATN)	
18:15	KG7O on <a href="#">W7W/LC-139</a>	14.285-ssb, 7.280-ssb
	With K7ATN (Posted by KG7O)	
18:30	K0JQZ on <a href="#">W0/FR-004</a>	10.111-cw
	KC0YQF will be on 146.520 (Posted by K0JQZ)	
23:30	KD7WPJ on <a href="#">W7U/NU-068</a>	14.061-cw, 18.088-cw, 21.060-cw, 50-ssb
	(Posted by KD7V/PJ)	
23:59	F1SHY on <a href="#">G/LD-001</a>	144.300-fm
	(Posted by F1SHY)	
<b>Sunday 2nd December 2012</b>		
09:00	DL/OE5RTP/P on <a href="#">DM/BW-284</a>	145.500-fm, 14.285-ssb?
	together with OE5IRO - trip with our baby, so time may chg. (Posted by OE5RTP)	
09:00	2E0CHV/P on <a href="#">G/WB-004</a>	145.500-fm
	Start FM, may change to ssb if time. Need to leave at 10:00 (Posted by 2E0CHV)	
09:00	EA2EBX/1 on <a href="#">EA1/LR-045</a>	145.525-fm, 7.145-ssb
	time approx +/- and Vlx depends (Posted by TRONTXA)	
10:00	GW4OBK/P on <a href="#">GW/SW-002</a>	145.500-fm, 145.300-fm
	Times approx with MW6PYG/P (Posted by G4OBK)	

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The [Spots](#) listing provides details like call sign, the hilltop designation, and a line for notes. The SOTA number is also an active link, which takes you to the detail page of that particular hilltop in the Summits Database. Click on the [Alerts](#) tab, and you'll see a listing of all the reported upcoming activations, arranged by date with the soonest ones at the top.


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### Latest Spots

92 spots in the last 12 hours

Sat 19:18	<b>KG7O</b> on <a href="#">W7W/LC-139</a> There now (Posted by KG7O)	<b>18.155 ssb</b>
Sat 19:14	<b>K7ATN</b> on <a href="#">W7W/LC-139</a> *CQ CQ at 12 wpm. S/N=26 dB at WA7LNV [Via RBNGate] (Posted by KU6J)	<b>10.111 cw</b>
Sat 19:04	<b>WG0AT</b> on <a href="#">W0/FR-004</a> Moved here (Posted by V4ZV)	<b>14.3465 ssb</b>
Sat 18:56	<b>WG0AT</b> on <a href="#">W0/FR-004</a> 57 in LA (Posted by N6JZT)	<b>14.345 ssb</b>
Sat 18:45	<b>WG0AT</b> on <a href="#">W0/FR-004</a> 56 in NC - Thanks Steve! (Posted by WH6LE)	<b>14.345 ssb</b>
Sat 18:40	<b>WG0AT</b> on <a href="#">W0/FR-004</a> With Frank K0JQZ who is on 30m according to Steve (Posted by W0EA)	<b>14.345 ssb</b>
Sat 18:27	<b>VA2IEI</b> on <a href="#">VE2/QC-112</a> 5-1 in Quebec city TNX for the QSO (Posted by VA2CG)	<b>14.343 ssb</b>
Sat 18:26	<b>KG7O</b> on <a href="#">W7W/LC-139</a> Here now. 55 in OR. (Posted by N57P)	<b>7.265 ssb</b>
Sat 18:23	<b>K7ATN</b> on <a href="#">W7W/LC-139</a> 539 in NC (Posted by WH6LE)	<b>14.062 cw</b>
Sat 18:19	<b>VA2IEI/P</b> on <a href="#">VE2/QC-112</a> 55 in NC, 5 inches of snow (Posted by V4ZV)	<b>14.343 ssb</b>
Sat 18:16	<b>KG7O</b> on <a href="#">W7W/LC-139</a> There now with K7ATN (Posted by KG7O)	<b>7.280 ssb</b>
Sat 18:09	<b>K0JQZ</b> on <a href="#">W0/FR-004</a> *CQ CQ at 21 wpm. S/N=2 dB at N0TA [Via RBNGate] (Posted by KU6J)	<b>10.111 cw</b>
Sat 18:06	<b>VE2DJN</b> on <a href="#">VE2/QC-112</a> Strong signal..... (Posted by VE2DJN)	<b>14.140 ssb</b>
Sat 18:03	<b>K7ATN</b> on <a href="#">W7W/LC-139</a> *CQ CQ at 12 wpm. S/N=13 dB at KH6LC [Via RBNGate] (Posted by KU6J)	<b>14.062 cw</b>
Sat 17:50	<b>VA2IEI/P</b> on <a href="#">VE2/QC-112</a> merci 73 (Posted by VE2JFM)	<b>7.140 ssb</b>

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**20120211 HL/GG-084 불암산 100 pointer**

Posted on February 13, 2012 by w2vla



HL2IYQ goes out to reach his first 100 point goal on HL/GG-084 Bulamsan, with some S2S in the process!

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So, if you're not planning on activating a hill this winter, but still want to take part in SOTA as a chaser, check out the spots, pour yourself a cup of hot cocoa, and have fun.

Despite the stresses of shopping and attending parties this holiday season, take some time to reflect and get together with friends and family. Before I close, I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy Hanukkah, and may 2013 be a more prosperous and blessed year than the one we leave behind.

73,

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